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Loadings in Potsdam and Wildpark

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REMARKS

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1. Loadings observed in Potsdam on 16 April 1953 included 9 x 152-mm howitzers, about 15 trucks with [ ] and an undetermined number of troops on about 18 boxcars. At 7 p.m.: 12 tank trucks with trailers and about 15 trucks with [ ] at 7:30 p.m.; and about 18 trucks and 1 jeep with [ ] at about 8 p.m. Troops and materiel loaded in Wildpark on 16 April included 12 x 122-mm field guns, 12 prime movers, about 10 to 15 trucks with [ ] and an undetermined number of troops on 10 boxcars; and about 20 trucks with [ ] and an undetermined number of troops on 20 boxcars, with the two shipments ready for departure at about 3 p.m.; and 8 x 122-mm field guns, 8 prime movers and about 15 trucks with [ ] carrying billeting equipment, at about 5 p.m. At about 4 p.m. on 17 April, 15 van-like trucks with van-like trailers, 12 trucks and several boxcarloads of troops were entrained in Wildpark.

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2. Troops and materiel entrained in Potsdam on 16 and 17 April included:

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16 April. About 45 trucks, including [ ] 1 gun [ ] was a 75-mm gun, and 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, during the morning.

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Ten Diesel prime movers, [ ] 9 x 122-mm field guns, 25 trucks, about 400 boxes, billeting equipment, and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets at 12:30 p.m. [ ]

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[ ] the troops had come from the barracks installations in Nedlitz.

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Five Diesel prime movers, 2 x 122-mm field guns, 3 tank trailers, [ ] and 20 trucks, at about 5:30 p.m.

Eight Diesel prime movers, 6 x 122-mm field guns with dual tires; and 2 x 122-mm field guns with spoke wheels, at about 8 p.m.

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17 April. Nine Diesel prime movers, 8 x 122-mm field guns, 1 x 120-mm mortar, 12 trucks, 2 field kitchens, and about 200 troops on 10 boxcars, at about 11 a.m. <sup>1</sup>

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1.   Comment. The abovementioned loadings for Altengrabow of units of the 34th Arty Div (US) on at least eight trains were reported   Guns observed totaled 57 guns which, however, are believed to have been 122-mm field guns and 152-mm gun howitzers in about equal numbers. The numbers of guns vaguely correspond to the equipment of two brigades of the abovementioned division.

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